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THREE UM FACULTY MEMBERS WIN BURLINGTON NORTHERN FOUNDATION FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

MISSOULA --

Three University of Montana faculty members have won \$2,500 Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Awards: Professor of Chemistry Walter Hill, Management Professor Richard Dailey and Associate Professor of Geology George Stanley.

The awards are given to full-time, tenure-track faculty members. Hill and Stanley received the awards for their scholarship and creative activity; Dailey won for his teaching.

This year's recipients, chosen for their work between July 1, 1986, and June 30, 1987, will be honored at an awards banquet Tuesday, May 31, at UM.

Hill, who specializes in physical biochemistry and molecular biology, earned a doctorate in biophysics in 1967 at the University of Wisconsin and joined UM's faculty in 1969.

Winner of UM's 1987 Distinguished Scholar Award, Hill landed six grants from July 1, 1986, to June 30, 1987. The largest one -- \$226,162 -- came from the National Institutes of Health and funds his project "Probing Ribosomal Function." Some of the other grants helped him advance his studies of DNA, RNA and the structure of ribosomes.

During the same period, Hill co-authored two articles and a

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book chapter on ribosomes and gave five presentations at regional, national and international meetings. One presentation, on ribosomal structure, was at the International Symposium on the Structure of Biological Macromolecules, in Poushchino, U.S.S.R.

Dailey, who holds a doctorate in agricultural economics from Pennsylvania State University, came to UM as a visiting management professor in 1981 and joined its faculty the next year. As director of UM's Small Business Institute, he supervises more than 20 student consultants each quarter as they work with small businesses across western Montana.

His teaching has been praised by colleagues, former students and SBI clients. His students, for example, say he stimulates classroom debate, stresses communication skills and ethics, and integrates "the 'real' world into the ivory tower of academia."

In 1986-87, Dailey taught "Small Business Policy," "Administration and Business Policies," "Advanced Management Problems" and "Ethics in Management." In 1988-89, he'll be a exchange fellow at Toyo University in Tokyo.

Stanley earned a doctorate in geology in 1977 at the University of Kansas and became a UM associate professor in 1982. His research focuses on fossils and rock outcrops in western North America that may have been moved significant distances across the ancient Pacific Ocean.

From July 1, 1986, to June 30, 1987, Stanley secured six research grants. One of them was a \$120,000, two-year grant he

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and a colleague at the University of Miami are using to study the evolution of the earliest coral fossils. During the same period, he won worldwide recognition for his discovery of a 400 million-year-old comb jelly fossil and a fossil coral reef in northeastern Oregon.

In March 1987, the Smithsonian Institution appointed Stanley an honorary research collaborator with the National Museum of Natural History, where he also holds an honorary appointment as a research associate.

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